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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SEIDEMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Phu K. Nguyen

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-7,11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 8-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

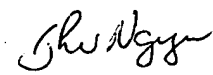
- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-912)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.


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The indicated allowability of claims 1, 5-7, 11-12 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to HANGGIE et al. (6,986,107). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5-7, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (5,848,373).

As per claim 1, DeLorm teaches the claimed “system for transferring thematic information over the internet between a server and a client” (DeLorm, an on-line system; column 8, lines 22-27 or column 41, lines 45-50)

“a source of vector graphics for different themes” (DeLorm, vector graphical entities; column 29, line 54 to column 30, line 2):

“means for importing the vector graphics into the frames of an animation movie” (DeLorm, column 50, lines 36-49);

“means for downloading the frames of the movie form the server to the client” (DeLorm, the movie frames from the video data; column 54, lines 58); and

“means controlled by the client for selectively overlaying the frames to display different themes” (DeLorm, selection of map themes; column 53, lines 25-34).

Claim 5 adds into claim 1 "the themes include a map of a geographic area with an icon displayed thereon representing a link to a location on the Internet from which a video clip containing information relating to the area can be downloaded, and the system includes means for downloading and playing the video clip upon selection of the icon" (DeLorm, the selection of focused objects for displaying; column 53, lines 44-47; the selected data can be a video clips; column 29, line 61; the communication through internet; column 41, lines 45-50).

Claim 6 adds into claim 1 "the means for downloading the frames of the movie includes means for downloading the frames in a predetermined order, means for detecting a request for a frame by the client, and means for altering the order of the download to start downloading one or more frames immediately upon request by the client" (DeLorm, the adjustment of displaying speed; column 57, line 63 to column 58, line 7)

Claims 7, 11-12 claim a method based on the system of claims 1, 5-6, respectively; therefore, they are rejected under the same reason.

Claims 2-4 and 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13-30 are allowed


Due to new ground of th rejection, this action has been made NON-FINAL.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu K. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272 7645. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, bipin Shalwala can be reached on (571) 272 7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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